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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT COMMENTS ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S LONDON
REMARKS ON CUBANS IN ETHIOPIA

REF: A) ADDIS 3308, B) STATE 119948(NOTAL)

1. IF EPMG QUESTIONS YOU ABOUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATE-
MENTS IN LONDON, YOU MAY SAY THAT HIS REMARKS AND THOSE OF
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE REFLECT DEEP CONCERN OF AMERICAN
PEOPLE WITH THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA AFFECTING
US-ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. IN ADDITION YOU MAY DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY
PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED IN DEPARTMENT: QUOTE: QUESTION -
IS AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENT IN LONDON THIS MORNING
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CONSISTENT WITH THE STATEMENT YOU MADE YESTERDAY ON THE
CUBANS IN ETHIOPIA? ANSWER - I DON'T BELIEVE THERE IS ANY
BASIC DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN WHAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG SAID AND
THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY. AS THE VICE PRESI-
DENT SAID THIS MORNING ON THE TODAY SHOW, IT IS HARD TO
DISAGREE WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPACT
THAT CUBAN ADVISERS MIGHT HAVE ON THE ETHIOPIAN SITUATION.

AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S CONCERN IN HIS STATEMENT THIS MORNING
WAS FOR THE LIVES OF ETHIOPIANS. THE DEPARTMENT SHARES
THAT CONCERN. THE HUMANITARIAN THRUST OF AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S CONCERN IS EVIDENT FROM A READING OF THE COMPLETE
TEXT OF HIS REMARKS. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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